

Office of the City Manager

City of Richland Hills, Texas

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Eric Strong, City Manager
Date: April 1, 2014
Subject: Discussion of Ongoing City Projects

Council Action Requested:

No action requested – Discussion Only

Background Information:

On a monthly basis, if not more frequently, I would like to list an agenda item that discusses specific city projects. We will not go over all the projects going on in the city, but projects that I think deserve some public updates will end up on the agenda. Some of the items will sound familiar, as they are projects which are also highlighted in the written monthly reports. However, I recognize that there is a lot of information in the written reports, and it is sometimes easy to quickly gloss over some of the information. Also, the public doesn't necessarily read the monthly reports (although they are posted with the agenda), and the projects we will be discussing generally will be items that are of interest to the general public. Going forward, if there is a project in which you would like a public update, just let me know and we will put it on an agenda. As a side note, we could also discuss these projects under "Community Interest Items", so the specific project doesn't need to be listed on the agenda in order to discuss it. A brief summary of some of the projects we will be discussing is listed below:

- **Code Red:** We launched our first City Wide Call to notify residents of the program on Wednesday, March 26. 3,222 calls were made, of which just over 50% were connected. We will continue to make a push to notify residents of this service and to encourage sign ups.

- **Arbor Day at the Library:** The Richland Hills Public Library and the Friends of the Richland Hills Public Library will be co-hosting "Arbor Days", on Saturday, April 26th, from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. The event is in celebration of Arbor Day, a holiday where individuals and groups are encouraged to plant and care for trees. Children will have the opportunity to hear stories about trees and decorate ceramic pots. Ruby Dillion, a local master gardener will talk to the children about plants, soil and the importance they have in our eco-system. The library will showcase the replanting of the butterfly garden with native Texas plants. Throughout the event, residents are encouraged to swap plants with their neighbors.
- **Parks Planning Study:** A meeting will be held at the Parks on Saturday, March 29th. At the time of this memo being written, the meeting had not occurred. A brief update of the meeting will be given during the Council Meeting.
- **Community Center Study:** A kickoff/introductory meeting has been held. We are currently scheduled to have a focus group meeting on Thursday, May 1st and a site tour of various facilities in the area on Friday, May 2nd.

Board/Citizen Input: N/A

Financial Impact: N/A

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Attachments: N/A